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THE BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL,

54 DEVONSHIRE STREET,

G. LORING BRIGGS, Manager

BOSTON, MASS.

THIS IS A RETURN MAILING CARD, TO BE DETACHED

Please send me a copy of the annual report of The Boston  
Floating Hospital.

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REMARKS



THE BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL

MAY 1 1962

## PERMANENT WARDS

There are seven permanent wards, with a capacity of 150 beds.

One of these is an outdoor ward, located in the stern, where patients remain in the open air both day and night. The others, inside wards, are supplied through ducts with air from which excess of moisture has been removed, and later cooled to the proper temperature of  $70^{\circ}$  to  $72^{\circ}$ , when the outside temperature may range between  $80^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$ . This system is unquestionably the direct means of saving many lives during our hottest and most sultry nights and days.

During 1906, 469 permanent patients received an average of 12 days' care for 24 hours each day.



## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOSPITAL FROM 1894 TO 1906, WHEN THE NEW BOAT WENT INTO COMMISSION

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In 1894 five experimental day trips were made on a hired barge, with only volunteer service.

In 1895 thirteen day trips were made under this same system.

In 1896 daily trips, except Sunday, were begun, and the work was reorganized with a Board of Managers, a medical staff, and two paid nurses.

In 1897 the barge "Clifford" was bought and equipped to care for 150 sick infants and children.

In 1898 two wards were established for permanent patients, and night service was organized.

From 1898 to 1906 the work of the Hospital developed steadily. It is no longer an experiment, but has become one of Boston's recognized charitable institutions.



EXAMINATION OF PATIENTS ON THE PIER AT NORTH END PARK



TRANSFERRING FROM THE OLD BOAT TO THE NEW BOAT ON AUGUST 14, 1906

## A COMPARISON

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The old boat was remodelled and equipped as well as it could be for hospital purposes, and with all its imperfections it did good service for many years, and proved beyond question the permanent value of the work.

The new boat, which was especially designed and built for this purpose, is a fully equipped, modern hospital.

This boat is the result of years of study on the part of those who have been connected with the development of the work.

With perfected organization, discipline, and careful economy, the larger work will be done at a comparatively small increase of cost.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE HOSPITAL BOAT

It is a twin-screw steamboat, 171 feet long and 44 feet wide.

The hold contains forecastle, laundry, and clothes-sterilizing rooms; engine-rooms, with pumps, electric-light dynamo, refrigerating plant, engines, ventilating fans, blowers, etc.; mothers' and employees' dining-room, kitchen, storage and refrigerator rooms.

The main deck has offices, one large permanent ward, food laboratory, pharmacy, clinical laboratory, linen room, nurses' bath and locker' room, dining-rooms for nurses and doctors.

The hospital deck has one *outdoor* permanent ward and five other permanent wards, besides an operating room and an examination and treatment room.

The day patients' deck has ample space for beds and seating capacity for mothers. Here are staterooms for doctors.



A PERMANENT WARD, BOW OF THE BOAT



## DAY PATIENTS' DECK

Sick children not requiring permanent treatment, or those for whom room cannot be found in the permanent wards, are admitted to this deck with their mothers, and are given the benefit of the day trip down the harbor, which lasts from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

During the day the patients receive proper diet and the attendance of doctors and nurses, who instruct the mothers in nursing and hygiene. Many a mother, worn out with anxiety and home burdens, added to the care of her sick child, is benefited by the fresh air, good food, and the knowledge that her child is gaining under skilled treatment.

During the summer of 1906, 770 day patients, with their mothers, took 2499 day trips.



KINDERGARTEN FOR THE WELL CHILDREN WHOM THE MOTHERS CANNOT LEAVE AT HOME

# ORGANIZATION OF THE BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL

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## RESIDENT PHYSICIAN

Robert W. Hastings, M.D.

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Pharmacist, Benjamin F. Murray

Night Superintendent of Nurses, Miss Carolyn A. Brown

Chief of Food Laboratory, Frederick H. Allen

## APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The Trustees believe in a direct appeal to the public for the support of this charity, and ask for subscriptions for current expense, and also to pay the debt on the new boat. No solicitors or collectors are employed, and the public are warned not to give to any person claiming to represent the institution. Impostors with forged credentials have been at work.

All money should be sent direct to GEORGE C. LEE, Jr., Treasurer, 44 State Street, Boston, or to the office of THE BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL, 54 Devonshire Street, Boston.

Further information, annual reports, and copies of this folder will be sent upon request. For this purpose, if you do not care to write a letter, please use the annexed mailing card. Tear it off and affix a stamp.

Telephone, Main 3359.



## ADMISSION OF PATIENTS

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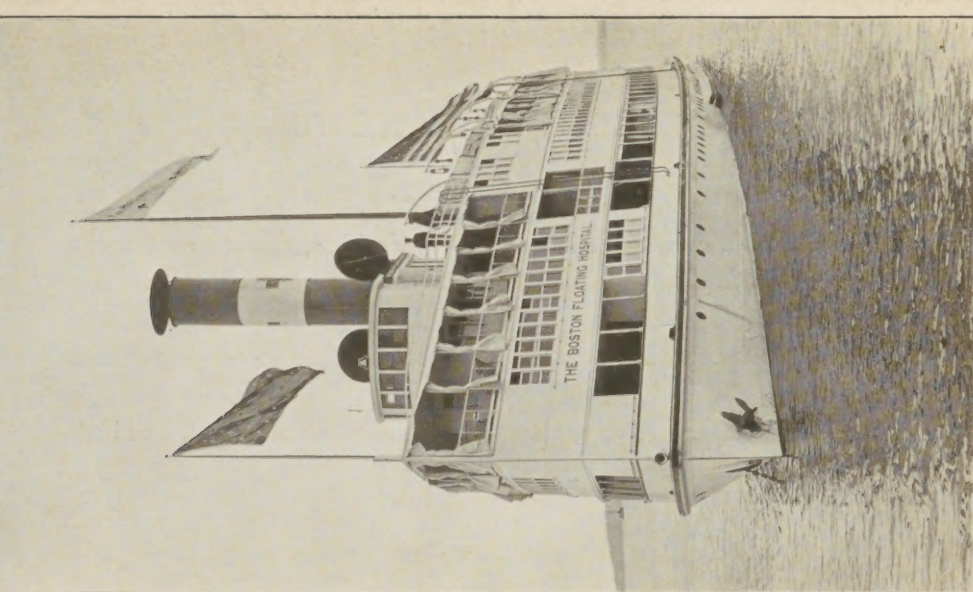
Admission cards are widely distributed among physicians, district nurses, agents of the Associated Charities, dispensaries, and hospitals throughout Boston and surrounding towns.

Any child under six years of age, who is not suffering from a contagious disease, is admitted.

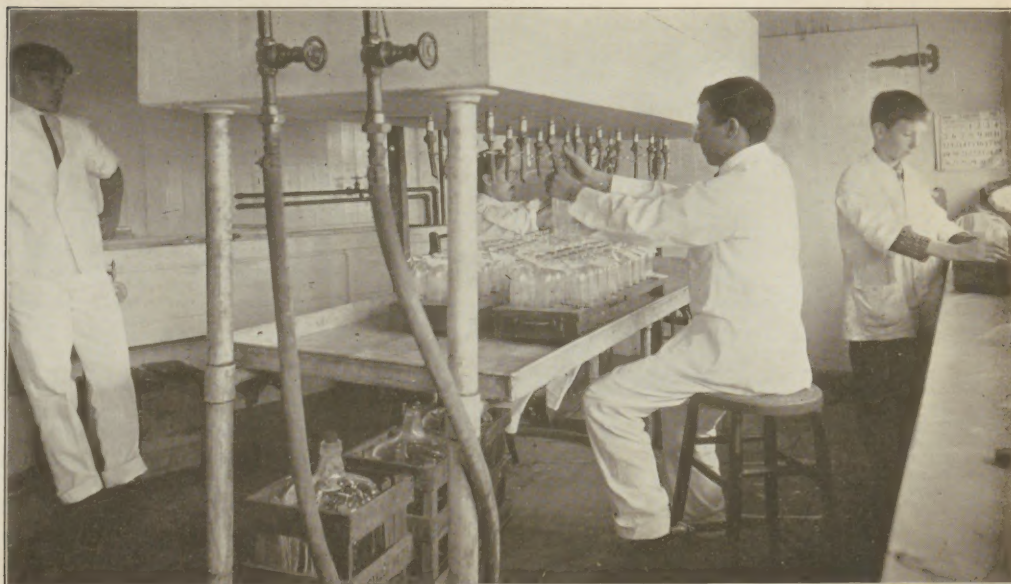
Careful examination of each applicant is made on the wharf at North End Park before the patient is admitted.



DAY PATIENTS' OPEN-AIR DECK



THE BOSTON FLOATING HOSPITAL  
 Captain, George H. Hollywood Chief Engineer, Jerome Smith  
 Steward, William M. McElver



THE FOOD LABORATORY